

REMARKS

Claims 1-32 have been canceled. Claims 33-37 presented herein for examination correspond to non-elected Group II, drawn to a method of reducing metal content in elastomers, as set forth in the Restriction Requirement in parent Application No. 09/646,969 (claims 36, 37 and 49-51 in the parent application).

Entry of the Amendments and the Examiner's favorable consideration of claims 33-37 is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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